

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Norbert P. Kusters et al.	Examiner:	Neveen Abel Jalil
Application No.:	10/684,900	Group Art Unit:	3563
Filed:	October 14, 2003	Docket No.:	14917.231USU1
Title:	OPTIMIZING DEFRAGMENTATION OPERATIONS IN A DIFFERENTIAL SNAPSHOTTER		

RESPONSE AND ELECTION

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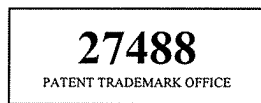
Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 6, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit this following Response and Election to the Restriction Requirement made by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 121. The restriction requirement was made for the following inventions:

- I. Claims 2, 4-10, drawn to actual defragmenting process (a process of the application), classified in class 707, subclass 205.
- II. Claims 12-14, and 16-22, drawn to snapshot process monitoring (the entire application), classified in class 711, subclass 165.

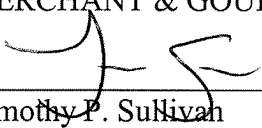
Applicants elect to prosecute the invention taught by Group II, which corresponds to claims 12-14 and 16-22. The aforementioned election is made without traversal. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicants at the telephone number provided below.

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